

### **REMARKS**

In the February 21, 2007 Office Action, claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 15, 18, 20 and 25 stand rejected in view of prior art, while claims 2-5, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 21-24 and 26-28 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

#### ***Status of Claims and Amendments***

In response to the February 21, 2007 Office Action, Applicants have amended the claims as indicated above. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. Thus, claims 11-14, 16, 17, 24 and 26-28 are pending, with claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 24 and 26 being the independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

#### ***Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102***

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 20 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,510,687 (Ursworth). Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 20 and 25, thereby making the rejection moot.

#### ***Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103***

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, claims 6 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ursworth patent in view of U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0247073. Applicants have cancelled claims 6 and 15, thereby making the rejection moot.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 2-5, 7, 8, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 21-24 and 26-28 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants wish to thank the

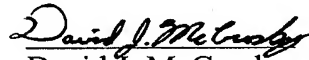
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Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. In response, Applicants have amended claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 24 and 26 to place them in independent form. Thus, the claims are believed to be allowable.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 11-14, 16, 17, 24 and 26-28 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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